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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventor(s): Richard EWERS et al.

Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FORMING AND  
SECURING GASTROINTESTINAL TISSUE FOLDS

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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 25, 2008, in the above-identified United States Patent Application. Filed herewith is a petition and fee for a two month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 25, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.